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I-17 ramps at Happy Valley Road to close for construction **Traffic will be detoured onto new ramps at Jomax Road**

PHOENIX – Two I-17 interchange ramps at Happy Valley Road will be temporarily closed for construction beginning next week. The work is part of a \$142 million project to widen I-17, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Beginning at 10 p.m. July 7, the northbound I-17 on-ramp and the southbound I-17 off-ramp at Happy Valley Road will be closed for approximately two months as new ramps are constructed. During the closure, traffic will use the one-way frontage roads between Happy Valley and Jomax roads to enter and exit I-17. The I-17 bridge at Jomax Road is under construction and scheduled to open later this summer.

The new interchange at Jomax Road and interchange improvements at Happy Valley Road are part of a comprehensive project to widen I-17 north of Loop 101. The improvements - which include adding new lanes from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway (State Route 74) and new interchanges in several locations to improve access - are included in the Regional Transportation Plan approved by voters in 2004. Another project to widen I-17 from Carefree Highway to Anthem Way is scheduled to be complete in 2010.

More information about I-17 improvements can be found at <http://www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways/> or by calling the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055. Motorists are encouraged to sign up for ADOT's weekly I-17 e-mail alerts to receive notification of construction-related restrictions.

For a complete listing of freeway and highway restrictions across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information site at www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1.

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